	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	10/048,027	KARASAWA ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *23 August 2006*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *4,6,8-10,20 and 21*.

3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  a) ☒ All   b) ☐ Some*   c) ☐ None   of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____ .
  (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
    Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

  Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date *7/28/06*

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

1.   The amendment filed on 26 August 2006 have been received and entered. The applicant

has cancelled claims 1-3, 11-19 and 22-37. Claims 4, 6, 8-10, 20 and 21 as amended are pending

in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or

additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with

Ms. Linda Saltiel (Reg. No. 51,122) on 31 October 2006 and 8 November 2006.

3.   The application has been amended as follows:

4.   Replace the old Abstract with the following:

"A scenario creating device creates a scenario file to be supplied to a scenario reproducing

device capable of reproducing only image files of a first predetermined format in accordance

with a scenario file for pagewise sequential display of images. The scenario creating device

includes an input section having a pointing device, a display section, and a scenario creating

section. The scenario creating section provides a display of an execution icon on the display

section for causing the scenario creating section to execute a scenario creating process. When a

single file icon for a single source file of a second predetermined format is dragged and dropped

on the execution icon by way of operation of the pointing device, the scenario creating section

creates the scenario file on the basis of the scenario information and generates the image files of

the first predetermined format on the basis of the image information."

5.   The claims has been amended as follows:

6.   Claim 21 is amended to read:

Claim 21.   A computer-readable memory device storing a computer program for creating a

scenario file for pagewise sequential display of images in a scenario creating device comprising

an input section including a pointing device, and a display section, the computer-readable

memory device comprising the computer program for causing a computer to implement the

functions of:

        providing a display of a scenario file creation area on the display section, the scenario file

creation area including a file management area for displaying source files and a selected source

file information area for displaying, in a sequence selected by a user, selected source file

information representing information of a source file selected sequentially by the user in the file

management area, the selected source file information including page indicating information

indicating a page among a plurality of pages included in the selected source file; and

        creating the scenario file indicating a plurality of the selected source files in response to a

content of the display in the selected source file information area, the plurality of selected source

files including source files of two or more formats.

Allowable Subject Matter

7.   Claims 4, 6, 8-10, 20 and 21 are allowed.

8.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention teaches a technique for enabling scenario files and image files for supply to a scenario generating device to be created. Each of the independent claims identifies the distinct feature of a file management area for displaying source files and a selected source file information area for displaying, in a sequence selected by a user, selected source file information representing information of a source file selected sequentially by the user in the file management area; the scenario creating section creates the scenario file indicating a plurality of the selected source files in response to a content of the display in the selected source file information area, the plurality of selected source files including source files of two or more formats; and the selected source file information including page indicating information indicating a page among a plurality of pages included in the selected source file. The closest prior art, Tatsuji JP 8-153104 and Jackson U.S. Patent 5,960,444 teaches a file management area for displaying source files and a selected source file information area for displaying, in a sequence selected by a user, selected source file information representing information of a source file selected sequentially by the user in the file management area; the scenario creating section creates the scenario file indicating a plurality of the selected source files in response to a content of the display in the selected source file information area, the plurality of selected source files including source files of two or more formats; and the selected source file information including page indicating information indicating a page included in the selected source file. In the case of the Tatsuji reference, Tatsuji

teaches a file management area for displaying source files and a selected source file information

area for displaying, in a sequence selected sequentially by a user, selected source file information

representing information of a source file selected by the user in the file management area; the

scenario creating section creates the scenario file indicating a plurality of the selected source files

in response to a content of the display in the selected source file information area; the selected

source file information includes page indicating information indicating a page in the selected

source file. In the case of the Jackson reference, Jackson teaches source files of two or more

formats. However, the prior art fails to teach the displaying selected source file information

representing information of a source file in a sequence selected by a user, in the file

management, in which the source files includes multiple pages, i.e. a page in a plurality of pages,

and thus fails to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

9.   Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for

Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Ting Zhou whose telephone number is (571) 272-4058. The

examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached at (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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